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JAS. R. COUGHTREY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. nc1

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, September 27, 1878.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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Hongkong, September 27, 1878.

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S. S. YANGTSE.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

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H. DU POUEY,  
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## Intimations.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## 10-day's Advertisements.



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Each Tender should specify the Monthly Payment offered for the period above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency will grant Licences direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command,

C. MAY,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

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M. R. S. GODFREY BIRD is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration from This Date.

WILSON & SALWAY, Architects, &c.

Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

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The Steamship "FENEDO,"

Captain T. CAIN, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 5th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight, apply to

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The Steamship "KANGTUNG,"

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "MORAY,"

Captain BUTCHER, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 8 o'clock in the Afternoon.

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Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

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The 1st British Barque "CHALLENGE,"

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## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

ON  
SATURDAY EVENING,  
October 5th, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA  
AND  
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY  
will produce

ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S DRAMATIC CANTATA  
"TRIAL BY JURY."

The Cantata will be preceded  
by  
OFFENBACH'S COMIC OPERA  
"THE ROSE DE SAINT FLEUR."

PROBABLY the best performance given by the Royal-English Opera is that of last night, when "Satanella" was again produced. There was a pretty large audience, and the general satisfaction at the performance was testified by a vociferous call for the artists at the fall of the curtain. In two of her songs Miss May obtained an enthusiastic encore, and certainly in none of the other Operas performed here by the Company up to the present time have her efforts been as successful as in "Satanella." Mr. Vernon was not in very good voice, apparently on account of indisposition. Miss Stanley as "Lelia" did exceptionally well, both in singing and acting. The Misses Draeger have exhibited a wonderful improvement in their performances of late, the characters of "Princess Stella" and "Dame Bertha", undertaken by these two *demoiselles*, being very well rendered, although of course the imagination had to be exercised somewhat, despite the "got-up", to enable Miss Agnes Draeger to be accepted as the elderly dame. Karl's song was exceedingly well sung by Mr. J. Rollings. The "Pirates" also deserve a word of praise. On Saturday next the Company produce "Trial by Jury."

THE daring attempt at robbery by an armed band of burglars, made upon the house No. 10 Seymour Terrace, clearly shows that the long-spike men are still on the war-path, and goes far to prove the statement we gave in our last night's issue that the rascals who made the attack at Winglok Street, were snugly housed in the Colony before the attack was made. However this may be, it is evident that the success of the enterprise of the 26th ultimo has imbued the rascals of Hongkong and its vicinity with a firm belief in the usefulness of these spurs in their nightly prowlings. It is true that the desperadoes who made the attempt on Seymour Terrace last night or rather this morning did not succeed in securing any booty, but this was owing to the vigilance of the Sikh constable on duty, and the fact of his being armed with a rifle. Had he only had the regulation baton and sword the result would have been very different. The facts of the attempted robbery are, so far as we can learn, simply as follows:—At about a quarter before 2 o'clock the Sikh on duty was attracted by a sound as of some one moving on the verandah of No. 10, Seymour Terrace, and on his approaching the spot and turning on his bulk's eye light, he observed some 9 or 10 men crooking on the verandah, and at the same moment received a stab in the muscle of the left arm with one of those long spears now so well known and dreaded by the protectors of our slumbers. The constable immediately levelled his rifle and fired, but owing to the dense darkness of the night, the shot did not find a resting-place in the body of one of the miscreants, but, passing through the verandah and the drawing-room door, found its billet in the dwelling-house it was meant to protect. Whilst reloading, the brave Sikh received a second stab in the left arm and a shot from a revolver whizzed past him; the thieves then made tracks towards the hills. Two shots were sent after them, but whether or not either of them took effect is uncertain, although it has been alleged that the rascals were seen helping one of their number along. They appear to have thrown two of the spears into the garden of Mr. Sharp's house in passing, as they doubtless encumbered their hasty retreat. As a matter of course no lookout was on the scene until the birds had flown, when one was heard faintly blowing his whistle. Mounted trooper McDougal was despatched to the Central to report the occurrence, but was misled as to the locality, and scoured the Queen's Road and the Praya, making hasty inquiries of the constables he met. He subsequently returned to No. 9 Station, and by this time Sergeant Mackie had gone up to Mr. Bain's house, No. 10 Seymour Terrace, and examined the premises and locality. A large number of looks were by this time eager to shew their zeal, and a strict search was made in the neighbourhood, but no trace of the rascals could be found. We are happy to say that the Sikh, who, by the way, deserves much commendation for his ready action, is not much hurt. These rascals are no fools, and are well aware that the attention of the Police is at present principally directed to the Praya part of the town, and act accordingly.

The Telegraph steamer *Edinburgh* (says the *Scotsman*), which got ashore on One Three Island on Saturday night last, was successfully got afloat yesterday (Sept. 24th) and at once returned to the New Harbour Dock, alongside which she now lies. We have been favoured with the following account of her floating off:—The Telegraph steamer *Edinburgh*, was got off last night, at 9 o'clock, contrary to expectation. The previous day and night had been occupied in shifting cables and other things afloat, and a Bower anchor, with 500 fathoms of wire cable, capable of standing a strain of 38 tons, was got out nearly its full length astern. All being ready at 8.30 p.m., a nearly breaking strain was turned on the cable, and at 8.40, high water, the engines were turned on full speed astern, when the vessel suddenly started off and was hove out to the anchor. The greatest credit is due to Captain Burrows, the pilot engaged, Captain Worsley and the officers, for getting off this large and heavy vessel before the high tides came on, and it was fortunate that the vessel was possessed of such powerful means for heaving her off. The reef is nearly perpendicular, and is composed of soft clay and coral on the top, and the vessel had cut into it up to the foremast. There is no danger done to the vessel, except the loss of some paint, and we understand the last at this afternoon

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## SO-CALLED CONVERSION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1878.

Sir.—I read with a smile about the so-called conversion to the R. C. Faith of the murderer Tam Atai, as I so well remember the allusion made by Dr. Legge to that matter. That worthy missionary and scholar stated that, in rendering assistance in the eleventh hour to condemned prisoners, the additional promise that the unhappy man would be buried in a new suit of clothes, while his mortal remains would rest in the R. C. Cemetery, generally decided the matter, and the doomed man joined the R. C. faith in preference to that of the Protestant.

Yours &amp;c.,

GEO. MURRAY BAIN.

who trade peacefully within her borders. If her reputation for good government fails her in any portion of her territory, her trade there must suffer in proportion as the security of property and life decreases.

Yours &amp;c.,

GEO. MURRAY BAIN.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)

3rd October, 1878.

## ALLEGED ASSAULT.

The remanded case in which one Thomas Henderson, a clerk unemployed, was charged with assaulting a chair-cooie, came on again to-day. The complainant not appearing, the case was dismissed.

## LARCENY.

Chen Ying Hung, a cobbler, was convicted of receiving some copper nails, the property of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, and was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

## TODAY'S FINES.

Tung Ayin, hawking salt fish outside the market. Fined 20 cents.

Chen Atsing, house-boy, and Ching Achun, a cook, no light or pass. Fined 50 cents each.

Li Aho, hawking without a license. Fined 50 cents.

Chen Akew, wife of Mak Ato, No. 3 Tannery Lane, throwing rubbish into the streets. Fined 50 cents.

Ching Aung and Chow Acheung, chair-cooies, plying for hire without a license. Defendant fined \$10 or 18 days' imprisonment, 2nd fined \$1 or 3 days' imprisonment.

Li Aho, a prisoner in the Victoria Gaol, smuggling opium into the prison. Fined \$1 or 3 days' imprisonment.

Fong Ahing, master of the Man Cheung Lai shop 59 Praya West, receiving payment of a sum of money exceeding \$10 without affixing a receipt stamp to the receipt as required by Ord. 12 of 1866. Fined \$10.

Choung Ahung, a partner in the Tai Yik carpenter shop, 34 Stanley Street, obstructing the public footway by stacking timber thereon. Fined \$10.

Wong Afun, a partner in the Hang Un Tong druggist's shop, No. 11 Cochrane Street, obstruction. Fined \$15.

Un Shing Chau, master of the Tuan Cheung Shop 67 Bonham Strand, West, obstructing a public thoroughfare. Fined \$18, and ordered to enter into his own recognisance in \$25 to be of good behaviour for 6 months.

Wong Ayuk, a partner in the Kwan Hop Chandler's Shop, 12 Cochrane Street, obstructing a public thoroughfare. Fined \$15.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

3rd Oct., 1878.

## THE EXPORT OF RICE FROM SAIGON.

The following circular has been issued by Messrs W. G. Hale & Co., of Saigon:—

For the information of our friends, we issue a *résumé* of the more important articles of an Act just published in the Official Gazette, concerning an export duty to be imposed upon Rice.

The Tax upon Lands, bearing unfairly upon the owner, who has been obliged to pay according to the extent of their land and not upon the quantity it produces, the Government has reduced this tax very considerably; and, (reading from the Act) considering that the deficit resulting from this concession must be made good, as the Colony requires all its resources; considering that the wealth of the Colony rests almost exclusively upon the production of Rice; that this staple is the only article of produce upon which a duty can be imposed sufficient for the purpose.

THE GOVERNOR DECIDES:

A duty is put upon Rice and Paddy exported from the Colony, except to Cambodia by the rivers.

This duty shall be 53 centimes (10 cents) for every picul of rice exported.

Paddy shall pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the duty on rice.

All mixture of rice and paddy is to be considered cargo rice.

The debris, broken rice and rice flour, are to be free from duty, but must also be declared.

All mixture of rice and broken rice shall be considered as rice.

The duty shall be charged upon the netweight of rice or paddy as stated in a declaration, which must be made at a Government Office to be established at each port of export.

Tare of bags shall be computed at:

1 per cent. for gunnies of rice.

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1 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. — gunnies of paddy.

2 per cent. — mat bags of do.

When rice or paddy is packed in double bags the tare is to be doubled.

Sups (other than native vessels) are to be allowed to load at Saigon only; penalty for infringement 100 to 1,000 francs.

At Saigon, all Shippers, before commencing any shipment, must make a declaration stating the weight of rice or paddy they propose shipping, the name, nationality, tonnage and Captain of the ship, and the place whither the cargo is bound; in default, a penalty of \$100 to 1,000 francs.

The duty must be paid, or same penalty, upon the weight declared, before shipment is commenced.

After the accomplishment of these formalities and the payment of the duty, a shipping permit shall be given to the shipper which must be presented, before shipment, to the officer on board when he applies for it, or same penalty.

This permit shall mention the items of the declaration and the payment of the duty.

Shipments shall not take place before sunrise or after sunset, nor upon Sundays or holidays, without special permission from the government office, or same penalty will be inflicted upon Captain as well as shippers.

The shippers shall always be represented on board during the loading; in the absence of such representative, the work will be stopped.

Shipper must send a boat-note with each bag, signed and certified, of the number of bags and piculs, number of the boat, and the name of the ship the boat is bound to.

These partial declarations must be in French, without erasures or change of wording, or addition, interlining etc.; these to be given to the government officer on board or his absence to the Captain.

These partial declarations should, upon the completion of loading, be in accordance with the original declaration.

Shippers may modify or alter their original declaration up to the moment the government officer arrives on board to verify the shipment.

If the quantity found at the verification is less than that stated in the declaration, the extra duties shall be paid back, or lodged at a department arranged for such purpose.

Shippers or Captains shall be bound to

produce,

if required by a government officer,

the Bill of Lading, Charter Party, and even the Policy of Insurance if there is one, or to explain why these documents are not still in their possession.

Should any obstacle be made by the Captain to the verification of the cargo, the transport of the cargo to government warehouses, if required, and weighing charges shall be at the shipper's expense, save his recourse against the Captain.

If the rice or paddy exceeds the declarations, the excess will be charged three times the duty, and the person making the false declaration will be fined 100 to 1,000 francs, in security for which, the whole cargo may be detained if such excess be more than 1/20th; under that, single duty will be charged, no penalty.

Government officers shall have the power to search and examine any vessel, and any resistance will be punished by a fine of \$500 to 1,000 francs and one month's imprisonment, according to the magnitude and manner of the offence.

Captains of vessels b fore, leaving must have a manifest signed at the government office, penalty \$500 to 3,000 francs; they will be presumed to be acting fraudulently, if found descending the river without having this document in order.

If, after clearing, a Captain receives further cargo, he will be fined from 100 to 3,000 francs, the extra rice confiscated and ship held as security.

This act is to come in force provisionally from the 1st January 1879, and shall be definitive only when approved of by the Secretary of State.

It is, we think, apparent that some conditions of this enactment will work roughly, if they are not found incompatible with the despatch of steamers; but no doubt, efforts will subsequently be made to render its working as satisfactory as possible to all parties.

Saigon, 20th September 1878.

## China.

CHEFOO.

Sep. 10.

A grand ball was given at the Club on the 17th, and proved most enjoyable. There were about fifty guests present, including a fair proportion of ladies. It was the largest party Chefoo has seen for a long time, or probably will see again for a corresponding period. The band of the French ironclad *Armidale*, by the kind permission of the officers, supplied the music.
Besides the *Armidale*, the *Cosmopolitan* and *Hurons* are making a short stay here, and through the courtesy of the Admiral we have been enabled to enjoy the band music on shore. The residents and visitors are indeed generally much indebted to the French officers for the opportunities of enjoyment offered them. A few days ago, as many as were able to go were entertained on board the *Armidale*. The guests were conveyed to the *Armidale*, which is anchored near the islands, in boats towed by a steam-launch, and shortly after their arrival boat racing commenced, and amid this and other amusements a very agreeable afternoon was passed. Not the least enjoyable feature was the dancing to the music by the band.
It is rumoured that Admiral Hillyar is coming in the *Vigilante*, leaving the flagship in Japan. The French Admiral has been on a visit to Peking.
The *Sheldrake* is leaving shortly for Hongkong. We are sorry to lose her, she has been so long here, and during her stay, both officers and men have contributed so largely to our amusement that we shall miss her almost as much as a part of our community. The *Moorer* is daily expected to relieve her.

Business, &amp;c., is no better than it might be.

Our road works are progressing steadily, and already part of our Broadway, on the way to the west, is looking as if it did not belong to Chefoo.—News.

The *Armidale* is leaving shortly for

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MAILS.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERNEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON, VIA  
BOMBAY,  
ALSO  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"HINDOSTAN," Captain N. W. HASEL-  
WOOD, will leave this THURSDAY, the  
10th October, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. LIND, Superintendent,  
Hongkong, September 23, 1878. oc10

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOWARD  
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF  
TOKIO will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY,  
the 15th October, at Noon, taking  
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES to EUROPE,  
a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to  
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND  
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m., of 14th October. Parcel Packages  
will be received on the outfit until 5 p.m.,  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents,  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878. oc15

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE.

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CAL-  
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 17th October,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. TIGRE, Commandant LORRIER,  
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,  
on the 16th October, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Content and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, October 1, 1878. oc17

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on FRIDAY, the 1st November, at 3 p.m.,  
taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan,  
the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m., of the 31st October. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on Return PAS-  
SENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 97, Queen's Road Central,  
G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 2, 1878. oc18

### Notices of Firms.

#### NOTICE.

MR HENRI VINAY has been Appointed  
ed AGENT for the COMPTOIR  
D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS, at Hongkong.

MR ERNEST SCHREVEBLIN will have  
power to act at the same place in Mr.  
VINAY's absence.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,  
Manager,

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS,

SHANGHAI

Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

### Insurances.

#### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Saiwan, and Fanning.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or  
Goods on board Vessels and on Buils of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.

A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for  
China and Japan.

WM. CRUICKSHANK.

Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail  
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yet Po),  
CEASED from the 1st August, 1878, but  
Debt prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PUR-  
CHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book  
Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DIS-  
PENSARY—hitherto Carried on by Mr. W.  
BALL, will conduct and carry on the said  
Business (in connection with the VICTORIA  
DISPENSARY) on his own Account from  
This Date.

WM. CRUICKSHANK.

Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets ..... \$31,700,000

Surplus ..... \$ 5,600,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the  
above Company, are prepared to Accept  
Risks at greatly reduced rates, and upon  
terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars  
apply to

OLYPHANT & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either

here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods of

time. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding

£10,000 at reduced rates.

For further particulars, apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

AND ATLANTIC.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong for the above-named  
Company, are prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of £60,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
China.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE to the extent of

\$45,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a

Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at

Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 14, 1878.

### Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.									

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